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Transmittal # 92 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

MTOC (Master Table of Contents).

- Removes Chapter 2, Section 14.12, *Transcervical Block Silicone Plug*, to RESERVED.

Chapter 1, Section 2.4, SPOUSE.

- Amends Authority and Related Authority.
- Under Policy adds clarification for the surviving spouse who remarried after age 55 and before February 4, 2003; and who applied for DIC (Dependent and Indemnity Compensation) benefits before the deadline of December 31, 2004, the surviving spouse has satisfied the intent of Public Law 108-183 and is eligible to apply for CHAMPVA benefits.

Chapter 1, Section 5.1, RECONSIDERATION/APPEAL OF CLAIMS.

- Under Policy corrects authority reference for those issues that are appealable to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Chapter 2, Section 14.2, ABORTIONS.

- Amends Authority and Related Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy revises language for clarification.
- Under Policy Considerations clarifies that all claims will require medical review and that a written physician certification is required; removes reference to services contained in Volume 1, Reimbursements.
- Under Exclusions adds selective reduction of multi-fetal gestations, except when life of the mother would be endangered if the multi-fetus gestation was carried to term.

Chapter 2, Section, 14.3, AMNIOCENTESIS.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Description revises language for clarification.

Chapter 2, Section 14.4, CESAREAN SECTIONS.

- Amends Authority.
- Under Policy revises language for clarification.

Chapter 2, Section 14.5, CHORIONIC VILLUS SAMPLING.

- Under Exclusions adds chorionic villus sampling when performed to establish paternity of a child, and isoimmunization of ABO blood antigens.

Chapter 2, Section 14.6, ELECTRONIC FETAL MONITORING.

- Under Policy Considerations removes reference to cost sharing determination for technical component of tests and extraordinary professional services and Chapter 3, Section 2.1, *Cost Share*, and clarifies acceptable documentation for at-risk status of a fetus.

Chapter 2, Section 14.9, X-RAY PELVIMETRY IN MATERNITY CARE.

- Under Policy revises language for clarification.

Chapter 2, Section 14.12, TRANSCERVICAL BLOCK SILICONE PLUG.

- This policy was moved to RESERVED status. Policy guidance pertaining to *Transcervical Block Silicone Plug* is now found in Chapter 2, Section 16.5, *Experimental/Investigational (Unproven) Procedures*.

Chapter 2, Section 16.5, EXPERIMENTAL/INVESTIGATIONAL (UNPROVEN) PROCEDURES.

- Under Policy Considerations adds transcervical block silicone plug.

Code Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

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